

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Claims 1, 2, 9-14, 23-29 and 32 were amended. No new matter was added. Claims 5 and 7 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-4, 6 and 8-38 are currently pending in this application.

Applicant has amended the claims to clarify that the claimed invention concerns tournament games. While Applicant believes the claim amendments clarify the original claims, Applicant also submits that claiming

1. A method for providing a game redemption system, the method comprising:

allowing a tournament game to be played in exchange for a monetary input wherein the tournament game is selectable from a plurality of differing tournament games;

awarding either prize credits or one or more merchandise prizes based on an event that is associated with play of the tournament game; and

allowing a redemption of the prize credits or the one or more merchandise prizes using a video selection interface screen that is associated with the game redemption system, wherein said video selection interface screen further comprises one or more web pages with one or more GUI controls whose associated events result in calls to a centralized server.

distinguishes over the cited prior art. In particular, none of the prior art has been cited for the use of tournament games, let alone tournament games of differing types which may be selected by a player, and which may result in awarding of either prize credits or merchandise prizes, and which allow for redemption of awards using a video selection screen as claimed. Applicant submits that since this has not been shown in the prior art, the claims stand allowable over the cited art.

Applicant does not concede the propriety of the rejections. In particular, Applicant does not concede the propriety of the rejection of the claims over Von Kohorn, alone, or in combination with Williams, Atkins, Storey and/or Hunt. Similarly, Applicant does not concede that the combination of Von Kohorn with one or more of Williams, Atkins, Storey and/or Hunt is proper. However, in light of the present amendments, Applicant submits that the rejections of the Office Action are rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a notice of allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner determine that a telephone conference would assist with this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 650.293.3352. Authorization is hereby granted to debit Deposit Account No. 50-3539 for any fees due, as a result of the submissions with this paper, as a result of lack of funds for any accompanying check, or for any other reason related to previous prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 18, 2009

/Glenn E. Von Tersch/
Glenn E. Von Tersch
Registration No. 41,364

Correspondence Address:

Customer No. 68635
Technical & Intellectual Property Strategy Group
1000 Elwell Court, Suite 150
Palo Alto, CA 94303
Telephone: 650-293-3352